

CURRENCY BILL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Josephus Daniels, in Optimistic Humor, Is Happy, Even Over Money Matters.

DOESN'T FORGET NORFOLK

Flings Bouquets at City's Future, Praises at Banquet and Praised Training Station.

Norfolk, Va., December 3.—The currency law, as a Christmas present to the country, was the main topic of discussion at the annual session of the secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels in an address before the Chamber of Commerce of his banquet here to-night. His optimistic prophecy was heartily received. The secretary reviewed briefly some of the measures of the present administration, and said that they had been enthusiastically received throughout the country in the recent elections in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. This was rather unusual, and therefore significant, as the elections in all three do not often go with the party in power.

Secretary Daniels to-day inspected the Norfolk naval training station, and had a luncheon today with the president of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He left tonight on the dispatch boat Dolphin, accompanied by Mrs. Daniels, Senator Claude A. Swanson, Representative E. E. Holland and Howard H. Banks, his private secretary.

Mrs. Daniels was entertained at dinner to-night by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Terrell, Mayor Carter, who is also home Secretary and Mrs. Daniels were guests to-day. After luncheon to-day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Royster, Secretary Daniels spoke at the Norfolk Naval Y. M. C. A.

Prizes Training Station.

Among other things, Mr. Daniels said:

"I was greatly impressed by my inspection of the work at the St. Louis reservation and training station this afternoon. The opportunities afforded the enlisted men here struck me as being very nice. Admiral Usher and Commander Clegg pointed out to me that the valuable way in which they are being utilized in rear making the concrete blocks for the new buildings being erected themselves and doing other building work. This is like learning an up-to-date trade, and I am exceedingly anxious that every boy who enlists in the navy will have a chance to acquire a trade."

In addressing literature of the recruiting stations of the navy we have been holding out the promise of learning a trade as an inducement to enlist. These promises have not always been kept, because there was not the greatest desire on the part of the officers of the navy to do so, but because of various obstacles which presented themselves. I am taking steps, however, to see that these promises shall be kept.

"An advertisement was recently prepared to be published as a want ad in the papers throughout the country, and it stated that the men who enlisted would probably be able to learn a trade. When the ad was sent up to me O. K. I cut out the word probably. In my annual report sent to Congress Monday I have reviewed at some length my purpose in regard to developing rear training and coordinating the school work, and have given to the men equipping the men with the skills in the service of Uncle Sam, so that when they return to civilian life they will be in a better position to be bread winners and will be better qualified for the duties of citizenship in every way.

"I have visited most of our naval training stations, and I have not seen a place where more men are being done here. I was especially impressed with the work that is being done in the schoolroom and manual training that the boys are getting here, and the interest that the officers who have supervision of the work are taking in it.

"What is the disposition of the Navy Department to improve the Norfolk Navy Yard as a central naval base for the Atlantic coast?

"The department is entirely favorable. I myself am exceedingly anxious to have the shipbuilding built in the Norfolk Navy Yard, and think I am correct in saying that I have the support of the departmental officers of the navy."

FLOOD SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS

Thousands Made Homeless, and Incalculable Damage Done to Property.

Dallas, Texas, December 3.—With three rivers, the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado, and innumerable small streams out of their banks as a result of heavy rains which began Monday night and still continue, the flood situation in Central Texas has assumed serious proportions. Within a territory 200 miles in length and 100 miles in width, practically all lowlands are

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This means that all decay, all breaking down of the tissues, is checked and repair work begins. S. S. S. has such specific effects on a local basis as to prevent their mutual welfare and afford a proper relative assistance to each other. More attention is being given to scientific medicine than ever before and S. S. S. is the highest achievement in this line. For many years people relied on "Physicists" Cathartes and "Drops" as remedies for blood sickness, but now the pure vegetable S. S. S. is their safeguard.

You can get S. S. S. in any drug store, but insist upon having it. And you should take no chances by permitting anyone to recommend a substitute, when you could like to consult a Specialist freely, adds Medical Dept., The Swift Specific Co., 218 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

under water, approximately 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes; scores have been rescued from treacherous and floating wreckage; several railroads have been forced to suspend operation, and incalculable damage has been done to property.

Seven persons are known to have lost their lives yesterday. Five members of the family of W. C. Polk, a farmer, were drowned at Belton, and it is known that a man named Manley met a similar fate near Dallas late to-night.

Started on Street Floor.

The fire apparently started in a hallway, located on the street floor. The flames swept up the wooden stairways and burned through the roof. According to the night clerk there were 178 lodgers in the building when the fire was discovered. When the men arrived, flames were twenty feet in the air from windows to the fourth, fifth and sixth floors, and the roof, through a series of partitions, men struggled. Three men jumped from the roof. Two were instantly killed. Life nets were stretched and many more were rescued in this manner. Others were taken down ladders with the flames sweeping about them.

One man escaped by walking a shaky railing to an adjoining building.

The fire was in the heart of the tenement district. The property loss was only \$25,000.

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Dallas, Tex., December 3.—Late reports from flooded districts in Central Texas so much brought the death list to 100, and added new stories of suffering and hardship from the strike in sections. A still greater number was reported missing.

In addition to the five members of the family of W. C. Polk, drowned at Belton yesterday, B. F. Lucy and a man named Manley were drowned near Dallas to-night. Hearne, Lytle, and Perryton, too, were forced to flee swollen streams in the trees, and to-night it was uncertain when improvised boats could be navigated through the swift waters.

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Farmer Sends Boy to Open Door That Was Designed to Pull Trigger.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Roanoke, Va., December 3.—The nine-year-old son of Nathan Dell, farmer who lives near Phillips, Wise County, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by a trap set by his father intended for a thief who had been robbing his corn crib.

Early in the morning Mr. Dell set the trap in his cornhouse, using a shotgun trigger being connected with the door. The son did not aware of trap being set late in the afternoon was sent by his father to the corn crib to get corn for the hogs. He had willingly gone on the errand, not realizing that he was rushing to his death. A minute or so after the boy departed Mr. Dell realized that he had not told him to leave the trap. He started for the house calling his boy to come to the door. He was too late, however, and when the father reached the lad he found him dead, his head being almost completely blown away from the body.

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Five miles south of Marlin to-night, an International and Great Northern passenger train was marooned by high water, which swept the car steps. One hundred and fifty passengers were aboard and rescue parties had been unable to reach them with boats at a late hour.

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Millions for Good Roads

Measures Introduced by Southern Rep-
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Washington, D. C., December 3.—Expenditure of millions of dollars for good roads was proposed in bills introduced to-day by Southern Representatives in Congress. They call for varying scopes of work, with appropriations to run as high as \$100,000,000.

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EIGHT INQUIRIES IN HOTEL FIRE

Effort to Fix Responsibility for Blaze Which Cost Lives of Twenty-Eight Men.

NONE OF DEAD IDENTIFIED

Victims Trapped in Crowded Bunks on Top Floor of Five-Story Building.

Boston, Mass., December 3.—The fire which cost the lives of twenty-eight homeless men in the Arcadia Hotel, a low-priced lodging house, last night, is subject of legal separate investigations by magistrates. Some of these were aimed at determining where lay responsibility for the conditions which made the loss of life so large, and others were directed toward devising measures to protect hundreds of other men, forced by circumstances to seek shelter in similar places.

Most important of the investigations was that begun by the grand jury. Directed by District Attorney Pelletier, the jurymen visited the hotel while the ruins were still smoldering. They saw the remains of cots laid side by side in a general dormitory on the ninth floor, and narrow, boxlike rooms below, in which privacy was obtained by inmates for a few cents more than was paid by the dormitory occupants.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

Death by Suffocation.

The jury went to the City Hospital Morgue to make examinations. Dr. Loring pointed out that in nearly every instance death had been caused by suffocation. Other lodging houses in the vicinity were afterwards inspected by the jury.

Other investigations were the official inquest by Medical Examiner Loring, inquiries by the commission of the building commission, and the board of health, the city police department, the State police, and personal research by Mayor Fitzgerald.

None of the men found dead had been identified to-night. Two of the injured, taken to the City Hospital, William Sullivan and George F. Adams, died during the day.

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